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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant submits information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.

This is a national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/SE00/01263, filed June 16, 2000.

Copies of the International Search Report dated October 10, 2000 and the International Preliminary Examination Report dated September 26, 2001 are provided.

Applicant also provides copies of the two (2) items cited in the International Search Report.

In the International Search Report these items were placed in the "A" category as "defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance." In the International Preliminary Examination Report the claims were found to satisfy the criteria for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.

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For the convenience of the Examiner, a form PTO-1449 is attached. It is requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned once the above items are considered.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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